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It was our pleasure to hear Ex-
President Woodrow Wilson by
radio on Saturday night, the 10th,
at 8:30 o'clock. Mr. Wilson spoke
from his porch at his home in
Washington, D. C. His voice and
articulation, while understandable,
was that of a man 75 or 80 years of

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of a change of venue was given - but
by Judge Sharp on Tuesday of this
week when he determined to send the
cases from Greenbrier county, be-
cause, as he stated, that a fair trial
could not be had in Greenbrier, th-
but owing to conditions it was wise B-
to send them from the county. The th-
attorneys in the cases would not g-
attempt to agree on a county to c-
which they were to be sent but E-
each side submitted a list of coun- C-
ties and Judge Sharp selected Fay- C-
ette county and accordingly the
cases have been removed to that
county and are set for the first day
of the January term of the circuit
court there.

This is the fourth move of these
cases. They were first moved from
Logan to Jefferson county, from
Jefferson to Morgan and from Mor-

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tal had in Jefferson county. True
to the regular order in these cases,
the defendants took advantage of
every pretext against them for a
change of venue and filed numer-
ous affidavits together with several
newspaper clippings which they
claimed were of a nature to create
a prejudice against them. This has
been the rule ever since these cases
started and it seems to be the prac-
tice. It has a tendency to drag the
cases through the courts and wear
them out.

Knowing this to be true, the *In-
dependent* warned the people of
Greenbrier county, immediately
Judge Woods sent the cases to the
county, to keep hands off the cases,
and for this reason persistently re-
fused to publish anything which
would lay a foundation for a move
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fused to publish anything which
would lay a foundation for a move
of this kind in order that these
cases might be terminated in this
county in an orderly process of
trial and justice meted out to those
charged with the crime. No one
doubts, in the county that a Green-
brier jury could have been secured
which would have rendered a fair
and impartial trial, but a founda-
tion was laid for a pretext for a
change and it was taken advantage
of and Judge Sharp, under all the
circumstances of the situation sent
them out of the county. All things
considered, perhaps every citizen
of the county rejoices that they
have gone from us.

The "hangers on" in these cases
seem willing to swear anything and
for any purpose and we would not
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for any purpose and we would not
attempt to express in these columns
the manner and ways of this swear-
ing, except to say that to all honest
people, to say the least, it is very
degrading and of a very low order.
This applies to a greater or less de-
gree to every phase of the case. It
is indeed unfortunate that such
things and such methods are drawn
into a court of justice. They are
to be condemned.

It is unfortunate that any citizen
of the county became entangled in
these cases in any way. It is also
unfortunate that even a pretext
was given the defendants for an ex-
cuse for a removal of the cases.

The *Independent* has been criti-
cized for not publishing any of the
dirt and rottenness of these trials,
but it can now congratulate itself